

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3558–3578; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 50; H. Con. Res. 213–214; and H. Res. 658, 661–662 were introduced. **Pages H10509–10**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10510–11**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H. Res. 659, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–332) and

H. Res. 660, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2761) to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury (H. Rept. 110–333). **Page H10509**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cohen to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10437**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H10437**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Frederick L. Klein, Director of Community Chaplaincy, Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Miami, Florida. **Page H10437**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 217 yeas to 183 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 870. **Pages H10437, H10445**

Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1852, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, by a recorded vote of 348 yeas to 72 noes, Roll No. 876. **Pages H10440–45, H10445–47, H10447–81**

Rejected the Price (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions that the Committee report the same back promptly with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 209 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 875. **Pages H10478–80**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–330, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **Pages H10456–63**

Agreed by unanimous consent that amendment No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–330 may be offered out of sequence. **Page H10447**

Accepted:

Cardoza amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that raises the FHA single family loan limit, by establishing such limit in each area as the lower of (a) 125% of the local median area home price or (b) 175% of the national GSE conforming loan limit; retains the FHA loan floor provision in the reported bill of 65% of the GSE conforming loan limit; and also gives HUD authority to raise these resulting loan limit amounts by up to \$100,000 by area and/or by unit size "if market conditions warrant"; **Pages H10463–65**

Tierney amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that directs the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide mortgage insurance premium refunds to eligible borrowers of FHA insured loans, which were closed prior to December 8, 2004, but which were not endorsed until December 8, 2004 or after that date, and authorizes such sums as may be necessary for such refunds; **Page H10465**

Gary G. Miller (CA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that allows qualified down payment assistance providers to participate in the FHA Program if certain conditions are satisfied (i.e. no obligation for mortgagor to repay and net worth requirement); **Pages H10465–67**

Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that clarifies requirements on reverse mortgages for seniors who own permanent foundation homes on leased land; and **Page H10467**

Tiberi amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that requires the Secretary to ensure that the mortgagor receives counseling at the time of application. **Pages H10469–70**

Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that sought to strike the allowable use of FHA savings for an affordable housing fund (by a recorded vote of 148 yeas to 280 noes, Roll No. 873) and **Pages H10467–69, H10477**

Biggert amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that sought to reform the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) single-family mortgage insurance activities and allow FHA to base each borrower's mortgage insurance premiums on the risk that the borrower poses to the

FHA Mortgage Insurance Fund, with slight variations. Under this proposal, mortgage insurance premiums would be based on the borrower's credit history, loan-to-value ratio, debt-to-income ratio, and on FHA's historical experience with similar borrowers. This amendment maintained FHA reserves within the insurance fund to preserve the future solvency of the FHA program (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 874).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 650, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 872, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 871.

Pages H10446–47

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, September 17th:

Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2007: H.R. 3096, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 877.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial: H. Res. 326, amended, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial;

Pages H10482–84

Recognizing the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War, honoring the people of Puerto Rico who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country, and commending all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers: H. Res. 443, amended, to recognize the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War, to honor the people of Puerto Rico who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country, and to commend all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers;

Pages H10484–86

Expressing the nation's sincerest appreciation and thanks for the service of the members of the 303rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) upon the occasion of the final reunion of the 303rd Bomb Group (H) Association: H. Res. 604, amended, to express the nation's sincerest appreciation and thanks for the service of the members of the 303rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) upon the occasion of the

final reunion of the 303rd Bomb Group (H) Association; and

Pages H10486–88

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service: H. Con. Res. 207, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service.

Pages H10488–94

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-a-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10445, H10446, H10446–47, H10477, H10477–78, H10480, H10480–81, H10481. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN CONTRACTOR MEDICAL BENEFITS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the benefits and medical care for Federal and U.S. contractor employees deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Patricia S. Bradshaw, Deputy Under Secretary, Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Shelby Hallmark, Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; and Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing on the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Testimony was heard from Deborah Kooperstein, Administrative Judge, Southampton, New York; Kim Berkeley Clark, Administrative Judge, Family Division (Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court) 5th Judiciary District of Pennsylvania (Allegheny County) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Janet Garcia, Deputy Director, Office for Children, Youth and Families, State of Arizona; Andrea Wiesman, Director, Health Services, Youth Rehabilitation Services, District of Columbia; Anne Marie Ambrose, Director, Child Welfare and Juvenile Services, Department of Public Welfare, State of Pennsylvania; and a public witness.

MILITARY FAMILIES MEDICAL LEAVE COVERAGE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the Family and Medical Leave Act: Extending Coverage to Military Families Left at Home. Testimony was heard